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Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2005

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

TOWN INFORMATION

Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Town Clerk – Tax Collector 835-2242

Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Planning Board – 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM

Zoning Officer: Hans Waldmann 835-6138

Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings

Asst. Health Officer: Lelemae O'Brien 835-2349 evenings

Conservation Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department

Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Drills held on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Library Hours 835-6661

Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Thursday & Friday, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425

Wednesday, 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

-IN MEMORIAM-

**This year it is most fitting to
include a special memorial page
in our Town Reports, recognizing those
community members lost in the
October 9th Flood.**

**We do so with deepest sympathy and
heartfelt remembrance.**

**SALLY CANFIELD
TIMOTHY CANFIELD**

SPENCER PETTY

WILLIAM SEALE

DEDICATION

We dedicate these Town Reports to all those people who have helped, and continue to help, in the recovery process from the most devastatingly intense disaster this Town has ever suffered. It is impossible to list each by name. We simply, yet profoundly, THANK:

- . our Town's emergency responders who led people from harms way.**
- . everyone who has been here as part of the first-ever implementation of NH Mutual Aid.**
- . everyone who has contributed to the relief efforts.**
- . the Governor and legislators along with State and Federal officials who have cared and responded with significant assistance.**
- . every member of the agencies and organizations that answered the call for help.**
- . Town officials who have served so tirelessly and admirably in their respective capacities.**
- . the 3rd Congregational Church's pastor and parishioners along with other area and regional Church groups who have provided comfort & support.**
- . local volunteers who have given so generously of themselves for the benefit of individuals and families effected by the flood.**

We all are truly grateful. We Selectmen also earnestly acknowledge all those individuals who have commended us on our efforts. We accept these expressions as a testament to the steadfast and redemptive spirit of caring and community at work in Alstead, where we are privileged to serve.

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TOWN OFFICIALS 2005

Matthew D. Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2006
Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2007
William M. Moran	Selectman	Term End 2008

Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2006
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2006
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2008
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Christopher Lyon	Police Chief	Appointed
Russell Pope	Animal Control	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Joel C. McCarty	Civil Defense Director	Appointed
Julia Cunniff	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed

Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2006
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2007
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2008

David Vincent	Library Trustee	Term End 2006
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2007
Jeanna M. Genest	Library Trustee	Term End 2007
Carol Renzelman	Library Trustee	Term End 2008
Erin Heidorn	Library Trustee	Term End 2008

Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2006
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2008
Melissa Fredriksen	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2010

Ballot Inspector

Gertrude Putnam	Viola Hatch	Frances Thibault
Penny VanAlstyne	Penny Gendron	Catherine Moore

Rosemarie Caffrey	Planning Board	Term End 2006
Hans J. Waldmann	Planning Board	Term End 2006
Gloria Seddon	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2006
Richard Nalevanko	Planning Board	Term End 2007
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2007
Randall F. Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2008
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2008
Julie Stevens	Alternate	Term End 2007
Michael Balamuth	Alternate	Term End 2006
Richard Minard	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2006
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2007
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2007
David Collins	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2008
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2008
Dorothy Walker	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm	Term End 2006
Bruce Bellows	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm	Term End 2007
David Moody	Maybell Still Memorial Building Comm.	Term End 2008
Mary Hendrick	Conservation Commission	Term End 2006
Marilou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2006
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2007
Joy Nalevanko	Conservation Commission	Term End 2007
David W. Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
W. Daniel Hall	Conservation Commission	Term End 2008
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2006
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2007
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2008
Joel McCarty	School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term End 2007
Tina Christie	FMRSD Budget Committee	Resigned

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (x) in either the YES or NO box after each article.

ARTICLE 2 "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) to purchase a 3000 gallon Tanker Fire Truck with a 500 gallon per minute pump and authorize the withdrawal of seventy nine thousand dollars (\$79,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose? The balance of one hundred thirty six thousand dollars (\$136,000) to be raised from general taxation.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article 9, the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 3. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to pave the pavement portion of Pine Cliff Road?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #9 the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 4. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) to be placed in the following capital reserve funds; of that amount to authorize the use of up to \$40,000 to be taken from the 12/31/05 unreserved fund balance with the entire remaining balance to come from general taxation?

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YES

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ARTICLE 5. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the total sum of not more than \$35,000 for the purpose of straightening and altering the location of the Corbin Road at Strominger's Corner, a dangerous accident prone corner, to a location which bisects the Strominger's hayfield, with the exact boundaries of the new right-of-way to be finalized by the Selectmen, acting pursuant to RSA 231:8, via the acceptance of a deeded right-of-way from the Strominger family? Of this amount, \$17,500 to be contributed by the Strominger family, with the remaining amount of no more than \$17,500 to be raised by taxation; this article shall be a special article, to remain non-lapsing for up to 3 years.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #9 the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 6. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars (\$15,475) to paint the steeple and the clock of the Alstead Historical Building?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #9 the operating budget

YES

NO

ARTICLE 7. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the Town's Land Conservation Fund established in 1988 for the acquisition of land, easements, and development rights determined to be of significant environmental value to the Town?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #9 the operating budget.

YES

NO

ARTICLE 8. "Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the repair of the stones and monuments in the Alstead Center Cemetery?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Article 9, the operating budget.

YES

NO

Article 9. "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,180,192? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,132,857, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.

YES NO

ARTICLE 10. "Shall the Town vote to create an expendable trust fund under the Provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Recycling Trust Fund, for the purpose of maintaining the recycling program and other recycling-related expenses, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,033.00 for this purpose; said funds to come from the 12/31/05 unreserved fund balance, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to determine expenditures from this fund?

Rcommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This article will not result in any new 2006 taxation.

YES NO

ARTICLE 11."Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amendment No. 1 adds a new definition of "motor vehicle race track" to the Ordinance, in order to clarify the meaning of this term, which currently appears in the list of uses which are prohibited in Alstead under Article III.D"

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.

YES NO

ARTICLE 12"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amendment No. 2 adds a new definition of "structure" to the Ordinance. This term is used several ways in the Ordinance, including the description of what activities require a zoning permit under Article VII.A.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.

YES NO

ARTICLE 13"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3 contains numerous changes to the Alstead Floodplain Management Ordinance. These changes are required by both State and Federal Emergency Management agencies to be made in all communities in Cheshire County, in order to remain compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program"

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required

YES

NO

ARTICLE 14"Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 4 alters the existing requirement that driveways must be located at least 10 feet from a side property line. Currently the only way to be exempt from this requirement is to be granted a Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If Amendment No., 4 is enacted, an additional exception would be the location of a driveway shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.

YES

NO

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		50400	54405	51900	
4140-4149	Election Reg & Vital Statistics		30750	25277	32850	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		42800	35017	42900	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense		15000	4294	15000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		147865	120019	140065	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		19217	20253	20420	
4194	General Government Buildings		73200	468003	83400	
4195	Cemeteries		3500	4769	3500	
4196	Insurance		18000	14301	18000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		3200	2197	3200	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		135374	140654	126071	
4215-4219	Ambulance		40881	46885	41016	
4220-4229	Fire		55800	56460	56800	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management					
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)		3500	1485	7500	
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		45300	44151	45300	
4312	Highways & Streets		274000	667885	274000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting		10000	9793	10000	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration		27325	19010	24025	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		64645	66638	64645	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv & Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		15000	11992	15000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		11000	11202	11000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		5800	5429	10000	
4550-4559	Library		25000	29649	30000	
4583	Painotic Purposes		3000	2945	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin & Purch. of Nat. Resources		1200	592	1200	
4619	Other Conservation		4000	6000	6000	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		10000	15096	15000	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes					
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		60000	60000	80000	
4916	To Exo.Tr.Fund-except #4917				51033	
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			1196857	1944401	1282825	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount
4915	4	\$80,000			
4916	10	\$51,033			
4619	7	\$ 6,000			

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	Fire Truck	52			\$215,000	
	Paving	3	104900	104900	30000	
	Straighten Corbin Road	5			35000	
	Historical Bldg.	6	15475	0	15475	
	Cemetery Stone Repair		5000	0	5000	
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	350475	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund			2242	2000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		15000	15630	15000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		25000	25213	26000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		100	255	100
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		10		
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	273248	250000
3230	Building Permits		1000	1125	1100
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5000	11055	11000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		13000	17248	17000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		65000	71980	71000
3353	Highway Block Grant		83102	83102	80714
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		4	4	4
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			672328	266000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments			19256	15000
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXX XXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments			10778	10000
3503-3509	Other			20000	117500

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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		55000	55000	79000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		55000	57019	57000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		185000	195000	51033
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			147000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			752216	1667493	1069451

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1196857	1282825
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	402457	350475
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	9000	0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1608314	1633300
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	752216	1069451
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	856098	563849

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Alstead on Tuesday, the 17th day of January, next at 7:00 PM for public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the Town Meeting warrant.

The first session will be held on Thursday, the 9th day of February, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Vilas School Auditorium for final explanation, discussion, or amendment, if necessary, of the articles on the warrant.

The final session of the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2006 for the election of town officers and for voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 14th, from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

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Article 9: Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,145,792? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,132,857, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

a. Executive	\$ 51,900.00
b. Election, Registration & Vitals	32,850.00
c. Financial Administration	42,900.00
d. Legal Expense	15,000.00
e. Personnel Administration	140,065.00
f. Planning & Zoning	20,420.00
g. General Government Buildings	83,400.00
h. Cemeteries	3,500.00
i. Insurance	18,000.00

j.	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	3,200.00
k.	Police	126,071.00
l.	Ambulance	41,016.00
m.	Fire & Forest Fire	56,800.00
n.	Communications	7,500.00
o.	Highways & Streets	319,300.00
p.	Street Lighting	10,000.00
q.	Sanitation/Solids Waste	88,670.00
r.	Health Agencies	15,000.00
s.	Welfare/Direct Assistance	11,000.00
t.	Parks & Recreation	10,000.00
u.	Library	30,000.00
v.	Patriotic Purposes	3,000.00
w.	Conservation Commission	1,200.00
x.	Interest on T.A.N.'s	15,000.00

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund under the Provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Recycling Trust Fund, for the purpose of maintaining the recycling program and other recycling-related expenses, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,033 for this purpose; said funds to come from the 12/31/05 unreserved fund balance, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to determine expenditures from this fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

This article will not result in any new 2006 taxation.

Article 11: To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 1, (definition of “motor vehicle race track”) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposal is on file and available for review at the Municipal Offices. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 (definition of “motor vehicle race track”) as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amendment No. 1 adds a new definition of “motor vehicle race track” to the Ordinance, in order to clarify the meaning of this term, which currently appears in the list of uses which are prohibited in Alstead under Article III.D.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

Article 12: To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 2, (definition of “structure”) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposal is on file and available for review at the Municipal Offices. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amendment No. 2 adds a new definition of “structure” to the Ordinance. This term is used several ways in the Ordinance, including the description of what activities require a zoning permit under Article VII.A.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

Article 13: To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 3, (Floodplain Management Ordinance Amendments) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposal is on file and available at the Municipal Offices. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amendment No. 3 contains numerous changes to the Alstead Floodplain Management Ordinance. These changes are required by both State and Federal Emergency Management agencies to be made in all communities in Cheshire County, in order to remain compliant with the National Flood Insurance Program.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

Article 14: To see whether the Town will vote to adopt Zoning Amendment No. 4, (Distance between driveway and side lot line) as proposed by the Planning Board. A copy of the complete text of the proposal is on file and available at the Municipal Offices. The following question will appear on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows:

“Amendment No. 4 alters the existing requirement that driveways must be located at least 10 feet from a side property line. Currently the only way to be exempt from this requirement is to be granted a Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. If Amendment No. 4 is enacted, an additional exemption would be the location of a driveway shown on a subdivision plat approved by the Planning Board.”

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

Given under our hands and seals this 30th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Six.

Matthew D. Saxton, Chairman

Joel C. McCarty

William H. Moran

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY VALUES

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Land	\$24,509,095	\$61,598,249
Buildings	\$59,328,097	\$109,359,500
Public Utilities		
Less Elderly &		
Blind Exemptions	145,000	\$205,000
Net Assessed Valuation	\$79,950,092	\$165,001,449
Taxes Committed to Tax Collector		
Town Property Taxes Assessed	\$ 2,794,713	\$ 3,068,269
Less War Service Credit	7,700	7,250
Net Property Tax Commitment	2,787,013	3,061,019
Tax Rate	35.06	18.63
Net School Apportionment	\$ 1,518,244	\$ 1,585,420
County Tax Assessment	235,398	281,946

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall/Offices Furniture & Equipment	\$ 37,000
Library Furniture & Equipment	30,000
Police Dept. Furniture & Equipment	45,000
Fire Department Equipment	432,050
Park Equipment	8,000
Cemetery Equipment	7,000
Highway Department Equipment	368,000

ALSTEAD ROADS

63.25 miles of maintained roads
14.9 miles are State maintained, all paved.
(Routes 12A, 123, and 123A)
48.35 miles are Town maintained.
31.15 dirt
17.20 paved

Starting in 1996 David Crosby, Road Agent, developed a Ten-Year Paving Plan. He divided the Town's paved roads into 10 segments and planned to do one segment of paving each year in a recurring cycle. This process of regular paving represented the most cost effective method of maintaining these roads. Each segment could be competitively bid in advance, coordinated with adjoining Towns where appropriate for further economies, and maintained with a simple top coating (avoiding the need for expensive rebuilding projects).

Unfortunately, this plan has not been consistently implemented, and now two of the segments will require a full, and much more expensive, rebuilding effort. It is hoped that the Revised Ten-Year Paving Plan outlined below will be approved, followed as outlined, and kept on schedule. As a point of comparison, the State-maintained paved roads in Alstead have been resurfaced on average every seven years.

REVISED TEN-YEAR PAVING PLAN

<u>WORK DONE TO DATE</u>			
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SEGMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>
PRE-1997	1	Pleasant Street, Vilas Road, and Prospect Street	.9 miles
1997	2	North Road and Gilsum Mine Road to Pine Cliff Road	2.1 miles
1998	3	Gilsum Mine Road from Pine Cliff Road to ledge corner	1.4 miles
1999	4	Gilsum Mine Road from ledge Corner to Gilsum line and Baine Road	1.45 miles
2000	5	Walpole Valley Road and March Hill Road	2.6 miles

2001		NO PAVING	
2002	6	Alstead Village & Parking Lots, Fire Station/Town Hall, Library Avenue, Summer Street, and Hill Road to Cook Hill	2.35 miles
2003		NO PAVING	
2004		NO PAVING	
2005	7	Drewsville Road and Homestead Road	1.3 miles
<u>WORK TO DO</u>			
2006	8	Hill Road (from Cook Hill to 12A) (Done by NH Dept. of Transportation in 2005)	1.7 miles
2006	9	Rebuild and surface Pine Cliff Road	1.4 miles
2007	10	Rebuild and Surface Thayer Brook Road and Corbin Road	2 miles

Beginning in 2008, each of the ten paved segments would be resurfaced in the order listed above, one segment in succession each year with a simple top coating until completed in 2017. This cycle would be repeated and continued for the future, thus fulfilling a true **TEN-YEAR PAVING PLAN**.

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Highway Capital Reserve \$30,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$35,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$40,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$45,000	Highway Capital Reserve \$50,000
Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$30,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$35,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$40,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$45,000	Fire Dept Capital Reserve \$50,000
Ambulance Capital Reserve \$10,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$12,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$14,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$16,000	Ambulance Capital Reserve \$18,000
Police Dept. Capital Reserve \$5,000	Police Dept. Capital Reserve \$6,000	Police Dept. Capital Reserve \$7,000	Police Dept. Capital Reserve \$8,000	Police Dept. Capital Reserve \$9,000
Cemetery Capital Reserve \$5,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$6,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$7,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$8,000	Cemetery Capital Reserve \$9,000
Land Conservation \$6,000	Land Conservation \$8,000	Land Conservation \$10,000	Land Conservation \$12,000	Land Conservation 14,000
Fire Tanker \$215,000 Take \$79,000 From Capital Reserve \$136,000	Police Cruiser \$26,000	Highway Dump Truck \$150,000 Take \$60,000 From Capital Reserve \$90,000	Highway Truck \$65,000 Take \$20,000 From Capital Reserve \$45,000	
Paint Steeple \$15,000				

2005 Annual Report Alstead Board of Selectmen

The year began placidly enough with the re-election of Bill Moran. Matt Saxton, in the third year of his second term, was named Chairman. And so began 2005.

The highest order of business was to have the Revaluation of Property complete in time for the December tax bills. With the average property in Alstead assessed for only 52% of its fair market value, we were way below what the Department of Revenue Administration deems acceptable. (DRA requires assessments to be 90-110% of market value). To this end, the assessing officials went about finding all the nooks and crannies in town, and measuring every man-made improvement so it could be taxed. They were really very nice about it, so far as we know, and finished on time. There were opportunities offered to every property owner to meet with the assessors to share viewpoints on the assessments. Appropriate adjustments were made to some properties.

The whole point of this exercise, as you know, is to make a flawed and unfair system of general taxation a little less flawed and unfair by making sure that properties are assessed one-to-one in proper proportion. It cost \$ 85,000.00 of your money to do this, and we will have to do it all over again in six years or so, and again six years or so after that! We would rather use this money to buy a fire truck or something, but we must put up with the New Hampshire Advantage! (Any complaints about this way of thinking should be directed to Matt Saxton at 835-6998).

Last year's Warrant Article #5, which added money to the various Capital Reserve Accounts, passed comfortably. The Selectmen are glad to foster this sort of saving EVERY YEAR. As the major purchases that the Town must make get more and more expensive, it is valuable to have these accounts to draw on, to blunt the sticker shock that would otherwise occur for a dump truck, fire truck, or other big capital expense.

The new dump truck arrived in August, and is an amazing machine! It should be working hard for the Department of Public Works for the next 20 years. (The crew likes it a lot, and keeps it clean).

Vilas Pool was again overseen with interest, enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication by Brad and Kitty Kmiec. The Pavillion got new railings which look just like the old rotted ones, only newer. Almost everything that goes on at the Pool requiring money is funded by the trust fund Charles Nathaniel Vilas set up when he gave the Pool to the Town. (Who do you suppose will be the next spectacular benefactor of the Town of Alstead?)

A very dedicated committee gave us another successful Annual Alstead Festival on the last weekend in July. We value their efforts and their results enormously! We all have some fun, and enjoy seeing and talking with folks we don't, in our busy lives, get to see often enough. Next July, there might not be enough sturdy grass on Millot Green to stage the Festival, but there is lots of room up at Vilas School, and arrangements can be made to have the Festival there. Contact Lisa Bingham at 835-2038 to be involved with the planning of the 2006 Alstead Festival, which alternatively might be pushed back to the fall as a Town-wide dedication event.

In October, Alstead had a flood. Our lives are changed forever.

It is hard to know where to start. Each of us has a story to tell, or to keep private.

Four of us died in the event. We won't forget them.

We learned that we are not beyond the reach of the darker possibilities in the world, even in Alstead.

With awe and amazement we watched New Hampshire Mutual Aid, of which we are a part, swing into action. That Sunday was intense, and largely just us. What came next was surprising and overwhelming. The National Guard, and other Uniforms of all descriptions; Equipment, and LOTS of it: large, small, and in-between; Detours, and more detours; Strangers, some helping, some just looking; Politicians: Local, State, and National. TV reporters, microphones, satellite dishes. Lights, Cameras, Bureaucrats!

And everywhere evidence that people from elsewhere were thinking, and caring, about us, and sending help: food and water and clothing, and all kinds of supplies.

Each of us, no doubt, is still in the process of formulating our own thoughts about this disaster and its effects. It's an individual thing, this.

The Historical Society is working to document our collective and individual experiences in cooperation with a program at the High School. The Town Office has a wall of drawings by children at the Orchard School. Anyone who has something to contribute to the remembrance of this historic time is welcome to join an effort already in progress, or to begin a new one. There are lots of vantage points from which to approach a remembering of what happened here.

For the purposes of this Selectmen's report, it is proper to relate what went on (and what is still going on) in the Selectmen's Office as we all cope with the aftermath of the Flood.

A little more than two weeks after the water, the Selectmen called a meeting. Nearly 800 of us attended at Vilas Gym. This was for the purpose of gathering ourselves together in one body, and to learn what all of us could about what straits we were (are still) in. Though we Selectmen gathered every resource we could think of, and included those who were suggested to us, it was still too early in the process to get many answers to the very important questions we had. But it was mostly a worthwhile evening. The actual facts around some low quality rumors were shared, and that helped.

An appeal was made at that meeting for volunteers to handle the flood of donations coming to the Town, and to oversee their distribution. The call was answered, and everyone who has had a loss of property now knows Mary Ann Melquist, Martha Cooper, and Fran Thibeault better. They have done as good a job in this difficult process as can be imagined. Thanks, and more, to them! They have distributed, to date, nearly \$ 300,000.00, which has been donated by nearly 700 donors. Thank you cards have been sent to every one of the donors.

There was a time early in the aftermath when the Selectmen felt a bit superfluous. But we were busy every minute, pulled this way and that, and learning something new every fifteen minutes or so. What with a Command Center full of uniforms at the Alstead Village Fire Station, a National Guard Unit with its own structure, and two National Aid agencies—The Red Cross and The Salvation Army feeding everyone, there wasn't yet very much we could actually do. We paid intense attention to trying to understand what had happened, by being in the village all day listening to people and talking with them, and offering what we knew, or could give.

Only one of Matt's goals during the first couple weeks was to get to the Town Hall before the bacon was all gone, but he only made it once, and the good folks cooked it for him as he waited. We don't know how we could have been better cared for!

It was on one of these days, at lunchtime, that the Salvation Army kitchen truck caught fire! We were sitting in the Town Hall with the State Fire Marshall himself, Bill Degnan, who, when we realized what was happening, jumped up from the table, grabbed a handy fire extinguisher, ran into the truck, and put the fire out single-handedly! He was flushed when he returned to the table and had to admit he missed the excitement of actual fire-fighting. We shared a much needed laugh. No one was hurt, but the kitchen truck's electrical system was toast.

It was wonderful to see how Alstead's Emergency Services Departments threw themselves into the work. But we were not surprised. Our Town is supported marvelously by a large, and fine group of dedicated and competent individuals. 'Thank you' sounds weak, but you know what we mean. We are proud of you!

Governor Lynch was around often in those early weeks, and his skill in organizing and focusing people was important in getting the power back on so quickly (for the great majority of people, anyway). The Governor's Office has been of great help in identifying the proper agency for particular problems, and in coordinating and expediting information-gathering projects.

It was also the Governor's Office which gave the Whitcomb Corporation instructions to proceed with all possible speed to get Route 123 open. No community can even begin to get back on its feet with major roads closed. We are all as familiar as we want to be with Camp Brook Road, and with Winch Hill Road, (which was named for the tool, not a family named Winch).

It didn't take us long to realize that we could get better information faster by working from the top down instead of from the usual option of from the bottom up. We have been well tended by the State Offices, which we have learned, have their own way of doing things. We are gratified that we were able to find as much flexibility as we did, especially at the Department of Environmental Services, which controls streambeds. But even the Governor can not reach his hand into the Rainy Day Fund and pull out as much as a nickel. It takes an act of the Legislature. So, we wait.

We have been in touch repeatedly with the Concord offices of Senator Gregg, Senator Sununu, and Representative Charlie Bass. All have been interested, and as helpful as they can be. But, at the national level, our own disaster is hidden in the enormous dark shadow of Hurricane Katrina.

We have spent weeks and weeks going from one step of the recovery process to the next: looking for information, looking for money, looking for information, looking for help, looking for information, looking for patience. And looking for anything to feel really good about.

FEMA office opened on November 3rd. Was this part what we all expected it would be? No, it was not. It turns out FEMA isn't in the business of making people whole again. It turns out FEMA's goal is to get everyone to a warm, dry place where the rudiments of physical comfort can be found. It turns out we are a little more on our own than we thought as individuals. As a Town, FEMA and related State Agencies have been enormously helpful in rebuilding the Town's infrastructure.

But help has come in all sorts of ways! We've had tremendous and wonderful donations of services from too many businesses to list. Cash donations have come from as far away as California! The outpouring of goodwill from so many corners has been the encouragement that we've all needed to keep chipping away at the recovery.

In terms of the financial impact of the Flood on the Town’s finances, we can report what we know (almost) now.

You will notice that this year’s Town Report is thinner than usual. This is because the auditors couldn’t finish without some information we don’t yet have in hand. There is way more for them to audit than is usual: the Flood Relief Account (which has collected and distributed in the neighborhood of \$ 300,00.00), all the FEMA \$\$, insurance payments, and various other funds coming from disparate sources.

When a complete Auditor’s Report is finished, it will be available at the Municipal Offices, or we will be happy to mail a copy to anyone who requests one by telephone.

A breakdown looks like this, though the numbers are not final and may change some:

FEMA payments (for roads and other infrastructure)	\$ 527,704.00
Insurance payments for Town property (Police Station, Millot Green, etc.)	195,000.00
NHDOT (to pay for damage the big trucks did to Camp Brook Road)	84,596.00
State of NH (to pay Alstead’s 12 1/ 2 % of the FEMA match)	165,145.00
Total	\$ 972,445.00

So, assuming House Bill 1765 (which has the State paying Alstead’s share of the usual FEMA match) passes, (which the Governor’s Office promises us that it will), the Alstead taxpayers will be funding this ONE MILLION DOLLAR LOSS of Town property to the tune of only \$ 5,000. In this instance, anyway, Government works!

Of course we Selectmen know that, though the Town finances have not been crippled, many residents’ finances have been. We are working, and will continue to work, to find all the financial help we can, for as many flood losses as possible.

Don Bascom (835-2963) is the Veteran to contact if you would like to make a contribution, or to help in some other way with the rebuilding of Memorial Park.

Papermill Park restoration is being overseen by the Conservation Commission.

Millot Green is getting lots of attention. Randy Gendron is the ball field contact. The Selectmen have the general oversight, and are welcoming any interested people with help or ideas. This is Alstead's CENTER, and we want that it should answer as many needs as possible.

Route 123 is being rebuilt by the State of NH. Repairs made so far are considered temporary. Design work is underway in Concord. The Selectmen were consulted in a regular Selectmen's Meeting by the design team who wanted to know what we were looking for in the restoration. The consensus was that we want the old road back, like it was. Nothing too straight, as little concrete showing as possible, and more gently sloping banks than guardrails, and no new culvert at Cooper Hill. And NO JERSEY BARRIERS!

The design team said that 2006 will be mostly a planning year, and that most of the permanent construction will be in 2007. They want to replace the temporary bridge at the bottom of Hatch Hill first (they are renting that at a significant cost every month), while we all, of course, want to be rid of that traffic light!

The project is expected to cost Eleven Million Dollars.

They will be back with a design to show us in March. We will send 1100 postcards about that meeting, so that everyone can come.

Alstead has changed, and we have changed, as well. We all know that life is about change. From this place we will reinvent our town, and ourselves. We know each other better, now, and that is good. We will realize, perhaps only slowly, what we have learned about ourselves, and each other. And, we will be more, in some ways, than before.

There is much to feel good about. Let's all look to that!

With respect, and gratitude,

Matt

Joel

Bill

2005 Annual Report Alstead Police Department

Dear Selectmen and Residents of Alstead:

On October 9, 2005, flood waters rose to over six feet inside the police station causing extensive damage to radio equipment, records, computer work stations, weapons, evidence and office furniture. The computers were backed up prior to the flood with a tape, but the tape was found to be corrupt. The computer's mirrored hard drives were recovered and sent to the FBI in Boston. The FBI called in one of their specialists in an attempt to retrieve our records. As of February 16, 2006, the FBI is still attempting to recover our data. The water soaked paper records we recovered were placed into frozen storage. The restoration process for those will start in early March.

Langdon's Board of Selectmen gave us temporary office space and office furniture in the former Baker building. Their thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated.

We are very grateful for help we received from the New Hampshire State Police, New Hampshire Fire Marshall's Office, New Hampshire Fish & Game, New Hampshire Forests & Lands, New Hampshire Army and Air National Guard, Cheshire County Sheriff's Office and over (40) different law enforcement agencies from New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts. Without them, we would have had chaos. Their presence restored a sense of safety and security and allowed us to focus on the immediate problems.

I'm especially proud of the teamwork displayed between the Alstead highway, fire, ambulance and police departments during a difficult time.

Jack and Hazel Fuller donated two UHF (Ultra High Frequency) radios for our two cruisers in June. The radios allow us to communicate directly with the Alstead Highway Department, Alstead Town Offices, Bellows Falls Police, Vermont State Police/Troop D and Vermont car to car. These radios were extremely important during the flood evacuation allowing us to communicate directly with the highway and fire departments. The radios were responsible for saving the lives of many residents.

We received a grant from the University of New Hampshire for Project 54. Project 54 is a voice activated system that utilizes laptop computers installed in both Alstead cruisers. We are able to type in reports, check motorists for prior encounters, free up our hands during stressful driving conditions and know our location through the GPS system.

The Alstead Police Department received generous donations of money and equipment from several law enforcement agencies throughout New Hampshire.

The Criminal Justice Club at New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord raised money to purchase a UHF base radio for the police department. This wonderful addition allows us to talk directly from the station to our cruisers and will be extremely valuable should any future critical incidents occur.

We are in the process of rebuilding the old station. The Claremont Savings Bank donated bullet resistant glass, a glass counter top, office furniture and two solid mahogany doors with beveled glass for the new station. These items will add a unique touch to our station making it safe while giving it hometown warmth.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide you with accurate statistics for 2005 after the loss of records. We did make 36 arrests and worked 21 accidents. Approximately 300 traffic stops were made with about 80 to 90 resulting in summons' being issued. We have seen a drastic reduction in motor vehicle accidents due to increased traffic enforcement.

We welcome everyone to visit us in our new station. As always, please feel free to stop in or call should you have questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Christopher J. Lyons

**2005 Annual Report
Alstead Animal Control Report**

The number of licensed dogs in Alstead continues to exceed 500. Tardy renewals of dog licensing continues to decline as more dog owners realize that they can renew their license any time after January 1st and before May 1st without incurring a penalty. Similarly, the number of stray dog and nuisance complaints has dropped as a result of proper enforcement of State and local laws. Cruelty complaints consisted of two alleged abandonment's. In both situations the animals involved were removed to Monadnock Humane Society and adopted from there.

Free roaming cats and diseased wildlife accounted for the majority of problems in town.

As always, I thank everyone for cooperation with animal related concerns!

Russel Pope
Animal Control Officer
APD #16

2005 Annual Report
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Please note that 1992 cars and up require a title to be registered. If you purchase vehicles in this age bracket from an individual make sure they have the title.

For older vehicles - in addition to the bill of sale you need one of the following documents:

- a. Previously issued N.H. Registration.
- b. Valid Out of State Title.
- c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork. I can process renewal registrations by mail if necessary. Please call for the amounts due. No signature is required.

The above information is very important; therefore I have it in my report every year. I know how frustrating it is for registrants to come to the office and not be able to register their vehicle due to incomplete papers.

I am pleased that Kitty Kmiec is now my deputy. I am sure she will be welcomed by all. It will take time to learn all the office work; but she is very capable and the learning process should run smoothly.

It is beginning to sound like a broken record; but again there are delays in the new state program for Motor Vehicles. I am now scheduled for March. It will be a bumpy road in the beginning. It will be better for all of us even though we realize there could be longer delays for those registering vehicles until all of the bugs in the program have disappeared.

The past year was difficult for all of us in Alstead and we hope that as time goes on each day will be an improvement.

Reminder! Dog licenses renewed by April 30

Regarding taxes I again emphasize that one can pay whatever they are able to at any given time. To avoid interest charges it is to the taxpayers benefit to pay as much as you can.

The revaluation did create some bookkeeping problems and the process required more time than usual. This year I look forward to it being easier. I hope it will not be as difficult as last year. We will overcome any problems if they exist just as we were able to do last year.

I thank you for your support this year.
Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Seddon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**2005 Annual Report
Highway Department Division
Public Works Department**

Roadside ditching was one of the first tasks the Highway Department tackled alone with grading the dirt roads. These two jobs always seem like they could be done repeatedly, although there is never enough time and so many other projects to be taken care of.

There was 2300 feet of culverts put in throughout town this past year. Roadside mowing was also done. Newell Pond Road was cleared six-tenths of a mile on the high side to begin the upgrade of the road. The reconstruction which will be done is to take this road that is now like a cow path, and turn it into a passable road.

Paving was completed on the Drewsville and Homestead Roads and a little shimming was done on Hill Road.

Due to the flood, the fall ditching and grading was not done. Town roads were repaired from the flood with the exception of guardrails and paving, which will be done this spring.

Money from "FEMA 2004 Snowstorms" went back into purchasing gravel. From the Town Operating Budget \$15,000 went into grader repairs, and another \$10,000 plus went into backhoe repairs.

The new Sterling Dump Truck with sander, plow, and wing arrived, and so far we are all very pleased with it.

The Highway Department currently has a "Great Team" which includes 3 full time and four new part-time employees. In the spring and summer, Dale Dustin and Eddy Babineau work for the Town and in the fall and winter Don Porter and Scott LaMears take their place. Thanks guys along with our full time employees, Kim Kercewich and son, Mike Kercewich for doing such a great job!

Many thanks go to R. L. Balla, Inc. for all their help after the flood. R. L. Balla put all their personal work load on hold, and helped us in many ways with repairs to the roads after the flood. They deserve a huge "Thank-You" from all of us in Alstead. Thank you R. L. Balla, Inc.

2005 Annual Report Trustees of Trust Funds

During 2005 we have experienced an increase in returns on our investments and thus better support for the Shedd Porter Library, Historical Society and Capital Reserve Funds.

With the passing of Mrs. Laura Whitton, an avid supporter of the Shedd Porter Library, we received from her estate \$100,000 dollars. These funds were added to the Whitton Endowment Fund, established in 1982. The proceeds from this fund are to be used to purchase books.

New Cemetery Funds Established During 2005

Flora Desrosiers	\$200.00
Earl D. Boles, Sr.	\$200.00
Jean L'Archeveque	\$200.00
Tobias Dennett	\$200.00

Cemetery Lots are available and may be acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, Cemetery Commissioner, at 835-6007

Respectfully submitted
Trustees of Trust Funds

Bruce A. Bellows
Reginald Clark
Roberta Young

2005 Annual Report Shedd Porter Memorial Library

This year saw the passing of a great lady, teacher, and lover of the library—Lora Horton Whitton. We were surprised with a gift of \$100,000 from Lora, presented to us by her niece, Joan Ford and her nephew, Richard Horton. This generous gift is now part of the Whitton Endowment Fund. Lora specifically requested the gift to be used for the purchase of books, especially children's books.

"Camp Read-A-Lot" was our Summer Reading Program where we read fun books about camping and hiking. We also learned about the natural world and to respect the plants and animals that live there. Thanks to author Judith Edwards who taught us about the ultimate camping trip using her book "The Great Expedition of Lewis and Clark by Private Reubin Field." Thanks to Rose Mahanor who taught us about "The Beautiful Symmetry and Pattern of Butterflies," and then showed us how to draw them using pastels. Thanks to Betsy Bennett from the Nature Museum in Grafton, Vermont and her program "Bats." Thanks to Bronwen Jones showing us how to make baskets out of birch bark. Thanks also to our storytime readers: Ann Acheson, Jane Hutton, Mary Lou Huffling, and John Thomas.

Thanks to Lorraine Chaffee, Kindergarten teacher, for all the murals she's painted and given to the library to use during the Summer Reading Program.

Thanks to all the many people who have made donations to the library: The Horses R Us 4-H Club; Miss Catherine MacDonald of The Marquis George MacDonald Foundation of New York; Norman Ussery of Acworth; the Lufkin Family; Royal Holmes; Mr. Ward Archer and Friends of California; the Maltby Family of NYC; Bob Cunniff of Galloway Tours and Services.

Thanks to my assistants Peggy Fullam and Verna Niles for all their help. Thanks also to the Trustees and the people of Alstead and Langdon for their continued support. Don't forget to come and enjoy our annual Crafts Fair on Saturday, March 18th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Sincerely,

Julia Cunniff
Librarian

2005 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board had another busy year with ten additional work meetings, which included one joint meeting with the Zoning Board of Adjustment to continue work on proposing amendments to the Town's ordinances. As the funding for the Basic Studies section of the Master Plan update was approved last March, the work meetings were used to design, distribute and tally the Community and Business Surveys, to work on the Basic Studies section, and to begin labeling the Land Use Maps, in anticipation of the second phase of the update. The Survey results are available for review at the Town Offices during regular working hours, as well as on the Town Website at www.alsteadnh.org. The Planning Board had six meetings with Southwest Region Planning Commission to assist with this endeavor.

The Planning Board has discussed starting work on updating the Subdivision Regulations as time allows, as there have been several amendment changes to them in the past two years. The Town Attorney presented a short Municipal Law Update regarding recent legal changes and case law decisions, and changes in the legal duties of local officials, to the Board in March. Two Planning Board Members attended the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) workshop on the overall map modernization program, and the F.I.R.M. maps were corrected and resubmitted to FEMA.

The Alstead Planning Board received and approved five minor subdivisions, one major subdivision, and one Earth Excavation Permit. The Planning Board also received twelve requests for Voluntary Mergers.

The Planning Board hopes to get continued funding to work with Southwest Region Planning Commission in the coming year to complete the Future Land Use Plan and the Implementation Plan, which complete the Master Plan update. Public participation is always welcome.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Building. During the months of April through October the meetings start at 7:30PM; during the months of November through March the meetings start at 7:00PM. Work meetings are scheduled as needed on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The Board has openings for Alternate Members. If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board, or Members of the Select Board, for more information. We would welcome your participation and input!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Support Person

Peter Rhoades, Chairman

Randy Rhoades

Rich Nalevanko

Hans Waldmann

Juliana Stevens-Alternate

Gloria Seddon

David Konesko

Rose Marie Caffrey

Michael Balamuth-Alternate

2005 Annual Report Alstead Cemetery Commission

Routine maintenance of our seven cemeteries and the Warren Monument was performed with added attention given to Rust Cemetery.

Money was voted under a Warrant article in March 2005 to undertake stone and monument repair in the Alstead Center Cemetery. This work was scheduled to be done in October and due to the flood was not undertaken. A new Warrant article to raise these funds to perform this work in 2006 will be on the Warrant to vote on March 14, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted:
Alstead Cemetery Commission

Bruce A. Bellows

Reginald Clark

Roberta Young

**2005 Annual
Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment received two Variance requests and two Special Exception Requests – all four were approved. The Board also received two Motions for Rehearing on a Special Exception case that had been denied in 2004. The first request for a Rehearing was approved, and the Special Exception was subsequently denied. The second request for a Rehearing was denied. The Board also heard and Approved an Application for Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements.

There was one joint meeting with the Planning Board in November that was used to continue working on proposed amendments to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. There was also a Municipal Law Update presented to the Board by the Town Attorney in March, regarding recent legal changes and case law decisions, as well as changes in the legal duties of local officials. The Board continued its work on updating forms and Instructions to Applicants.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome. The Board is currently looking for additional Members. Any citizen interested in becoming a Member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Members of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk. Your participation would be welcomed!

Samuel Sutcliffe, Chairman
David Collins, Vice Chairman
Richard Minard, Member
Dennis Molesky, Member
Joseph Cartwright, Member

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Support Person

2005 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society

This has been a busy year for the Alstead Historical Society. Last year we determined that the ground floor of the Maybelle H. Still building was in drastic need of repair. Water seepage from years past had caused much of the floor in the rear of the downstairs exhibition space to deteriorate to that point where it had to be replaced. At the same time sunlight, the extremes of summer and winter temperatures, and humidity have taken their toll on the collections. At the 2004 Alstead Festival we launched the "Rotten Floor" Campaign to fund the replacement of the floor and other improvements to the exhibition space. The generosity of citizens, relatives, and friends from away was outstanding. At last count we had raised \$6,920 for the project, well over our goal of \$6,200. The Board of Trustees is most grateful for this show of community support for the society.

In September, volunteers packed up the collections and moved them to the second floor of the building and ripped up the existing flooring and cleaned up the space. Soon after the October flood, it became apparent that the town needed room to store donated furniture for flood relief, and the society offered up the space for that purpose. During the spring, we plan to get back on schedule and install the new flooring, a second window that will screen out ultra-violet light and provide insulation, and a new efficient furnace and dehumidifier to make the first floor of the building usable year round.

Two weeks after the flood struck, the AHS submitted a grant application for \$9,400 to the History Channel's *Save Our History* program to engage local school children in the documentation of the flood and its impact. Alstead was one of 26 societies nationwide to receive such a grant. Products of the project will be an exhibit on the flood that we will display in the museum and an archive of flood photographs, clippings, oral histories, and written materials. Students at Fall Mountain Regional High School are working on an illustrated publication on the flood. The project will be completed this summer.

During the past year we have had a number of presentations. Alan Rumrill, Director of the Historical Society of Cheshire County, spoke to society members about glass making in Cheshire County and illustrated his lecture with examples from the AHS collections. In January 2006, Ernest Bell of Keene gave a presentation on map-making in Cheshire County with a focus on some early manuscript maps of Alstead from the AHS collections. We are also organizing an Alstead Quilt Day on March 25 of this year in cooperation with the N.H. Quilt Documentation Project to photograph and register early quilts from the area.

The society always welcomes records, letters, diaries, photographs and other artifacts of Alstead's past. New members to help with society projects are always welcome.

Bruce Bellows, President

**2005 Annual Report
Parks & Recreation Division
Public Works Department**

Brad Kmiec was really busy this past year. Along with mowing the grass at the Millot Green, Shedd Porter Library, and the Town Offices, the Transfer Station, Historical Society, East Fire Station, and the Highway Barn has been added to the lawns to be mowed.

Brush was cut back and removed from several areas such as the Millot Green, Shedd Porter Library, the Town Pound, and also the Alstead Center Common area which is near Pratt Road on 12A all the way back to the Grasshopper by Hill Road.

Brad also has the task of removing the snow from the sidewalks and steps at the library, Municipal Offices and around the Village Fire Station.

Brad was in charge of rubbish removal from Millot Green, the Municipal Offices, and the Friendly Meals at the Town Hall/Fire Station. Everything started to look neater around, and then of the course the flood came.

Thanks go to Brad Kmiec for a job well done.

David Crosby
Public Works Director

2005 Annual Report Alstead Ambulance

The Alstead Ambulance responded to 163 Emergency Calls in 2005. These calls do not include any calls that were involved with the 2005 flood disaster; needless to say we had a very busy year.

We currently have 16 members consisting of: 2 E.M.T–Intermediate, 7 E.M.T.-Basic, 5 First Responders, 1 member currently attending an E.M.T Basic class in Jaffrey N.H. and 1 member who is just getting started. We continue to recruit new members. Obviously this type of work is not for everybody but if you are up for a challenge and think you would be interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician please contact me via E-Mail or call the Town Office. This is a great way to help your neighbors and be involved in this wonderful Town we live in. Members of the Alstead Ambulance spent a total of 222hrs in training, 130hrs in Monthly Business Meetings, 1,090hrs in Emergency Calls. Again these emergency hours do not reflect the numerous hours spent on the Flood.

The last payment of our 2000 Ford F350 Ambulance was made in 2005. For the most part it is still in pretty good shape; other than routine maintenance and normal wear & tear it should serve our community for several more years. In January 2005 we purchased a new Stryker cot. This has been a great addition to our equipment list not only for patient safety but for the safety of the members.

When I was appointed to the position of Captain less than 1 year ago, I was directed by the Selectmen to look into billing for our services. There was some controversy over this change since the Ambulance has always been a free service supported by taxes. Some residents were concerned that some elderly would not call for help or residents would get a tax lien on their property if they couldn't pay the bill. I would like to explain briefly how it works. We have contracted with a private billing company **EMS Billing Solution of Claremont N.H.** The way it is set up is that they will send a bill to your insurance company and only 1 bill for the remainder of the balance to the patient. If you don't pay the bill you will not be billed again. If anyone receives more than 1 bill for services, please contact the Town Office. We have started billing for our services as of September 1, 2005. As of this report we have not yet received any revenue. Hopefully by next year we will have a better idea of how this is going to work. Keep in mind that this has been a big change for the members as well. With the increased paper work it sometimes means longer time at the Hospital. The main goal is to have some revenue to offset the ever increasing cost of the Ambulance Dept.

I would like to remind residents to be sure your house number is clearly visible from the road to make it easier to find your house in case of an emergency. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Residents of Alstead for their continued support through out the year. I especially would like to thank not only the members of the Alstead Ambulance but the Fire Dept, Police Dept. and Highway Dept. for their dedication and hard work during and after the Flood. I'm sure you will agree that without their tireless efforts things could have been a lot worse. I also would like to express my deepest sorrow for those who lost property and life.

If you need any assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Fredriksen
Ambulance Captain

2005 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

The tragic flood in October taxed the training, resources and manpower of the Alstead Fire Department beyond its capacity. In spite of this, members of the Department came to the aid of their community, acting in a manner over and above the normal call of duty. In manning both fire stations 24 hours a day, for 13 days straight, these dedicated on-call members left their homes, their families, and their jobs to serve this community in its time of greatest need. I am proud to be associated with these outstanding individuals and would like to publicly thank them for their commitment to the Department and to the citizens of Alstead. Additionally, I would like to commend other members of this community for their willingness to pitch in and help; wherever we turned during the weeks following the flood, there were helping hands ready to serve their community. There are too many to name individually, but Alstead will recover through their efforts, and their continuing efforts now and in the future.

In early 2005 we were again fortunate enough to receive a Federal Fire Act Grant that enabled the department to purchase a new set of Jaws of Life and several other tools critical to our vehicle rescue protocol. Through another grant, we were able to purchase five lifting bags and a gas meter which allows us to monitor explosive limits and carbon monoxide and hydrogen sulfide concentrations. A State of New Hampshire grant has upgraded the radios in the fire trucks, allowing us to communicate with other departments and agencies in

the State; an ability that proved critical in the days following the flood as Mutual Aid companies from all over the region came to Alstead to help. Along with constant training, this updated and modern equipment allows the Department to fulfill its mission of protecting the public while keeping firefighters safe. The Department remains committed to seeking out grant-funding wherever possible; in the past five years we have received over \$100,000 in grants from both federal and state sources, significantly offsetting the cost of new equipment purchases for our taxpayers.

Unfortunately, grant funding can not be relied upon for our biggest expenditures, that of purchasing new trucks. We are asking this year for your support in replacing our tanker truck, the primary means of getting water to a house fire in this rural area without a pressurized hydrant system. It is time to retire our old truck; our 1984 tanker, a former trash truck with over 400,000 miles on it has had its engine replaced at least 3 times and its transmission replaced at least 2 times. The tank, which came off a rolled-over oil truck, continues to leak despite attempts at patching it. The Bond-o hiding the creases from the roll-over accident is falling off in chunks. We are hopeful that you will support our new truck, designed specifically for our rural and demanding environment. We have been working with fire truck manufacturers to design a truck that is cost-effective and will meet our needs for decades to come. The new truck will be designed to carry water; baffles will prevent large shifts in weight and the center of gravity in the 3,000 gallon tank as the truck responds to fires on our winding roads. The whole rear body will be made of polyethylene to prevent rust and allow us to remount it on a new chassis in the future. If you have any questions about the specifications of the proposed truck, feel free to contact me, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss it with you. \$215,000 is a lot of money for a truck, especially this year, but it cannot wait I hope that however you vote, you will vote informed. My home phone is 835-2928 and my work number is 835-2428 (6 am-3 pm). I look forward to speaking with you, answering your questions and listening to your concerns.

Activity Report 2005

Meetings	11
Drills	14
Mutual Aid to neighboring towns	11
Structure Fires	4
Motor Vehicle Accidents	20
Trees/wires down	7
Alarm sounding	3
Chimney Fires	7
Illegal Burns	2
Dog through Ice	1

Car Fires		4
Water in Cellar	1	
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	3	
Brush Fire		2
Out-of control Burn		1
Gas Grill Fire		1
Hazardous Materials Incidents	2	
Dumpster Fire		1
Public Service		1
Flood		1

Training Classes Completed

In 2005, the Department paid for 1,055 hours of training for our members, including special trainings in the following areas:

- Firefighter Level 1 (part B)
- Safety Officer
- Incident Command
- Hazardous Materials Decontamination
- Hazardous Materials Operations
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
- Pumps

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim J. Kercewich, Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

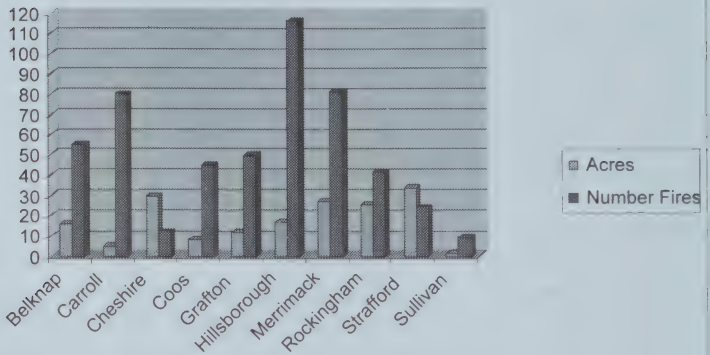
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 4, 2005)

FIRE ACTIVITY BY COUNTY



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

<u>Total Acres</u>		<u>Total Fires</u>	
Arson	2	2005	513
174			
Campfire	34	2004	482
147			
Children	29	2003	374
100			
Smoking	40	2002	540
187			
Debris	284		
Railroad	1		
Equipment	7		
Lightning	5		
Misc.*	111 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

2005 Annual Report Alstead Conservation Commission

The warrant article sponsored by the Conservation Commission to put aside money into the Conservation Fund was passed by town vote in March. This is a fund to promote conserving land and open space.

In early April Peter Rhoades led a walk through the Town Forest at Newell Pond at our request to explain the forest management plan that he completed to enhance wildlife habitat, maintain the forest and encourage outdoor recreation. 22 people took advantage of this opportunity to learn about the town forest, the old Maple sugaring site, and old homestead. We saw an abundance of wild flowers including Spring Beauties and Trout Lillies.

The National Arbor Day Foundation awarded the town of Alstead "Tree City" status for the third consecutive year. During the Arbor Day celebration April 29 at Alstead Primary School the Conservation Commission received a new Tree City flag and sticker for the two signs on behalf of the town. Students from the fourth and fifth grades read poetry about trees that they had written; fifth grade students performed an entertaining rendition - "Rappin' about Trees". Granite State Electric provided potted Viburnum for the students to take home and plant after signing a pledge to care for them. They also provided a Paper Birch that was planted in honor of Arbor Day. Tyler Gendron, National Arbor Day poster winner at Alstead Primary, received an honorable mention plaque at the NH state level.

We sold compost bins for the 4th year. This year we also sold rain barrels and kitchen pails. Cultural/Recreational Resource Maps of Alstead are still available at the town offices and the library for \$2 each.

The April 30 Earth Day town wide clean-up was successful. Over 30 people joined us for breakfast at Millot Green and then joined work crews to clean up the 25 roads (55 miles). Over 150 bags of litter were picked up. Also 7 one-ton trucks of litter were brought to the transfer station by volunteers. Students from Vilas Middle School in Mr. Harrison's Science class bagged white pine seedlings, provided by the State Nursery, which were given to workers on Earth Day. Many thanks to all who participated, especially Police Chief Lyons and David Crosby. Because of our efforts, the town received 2 four-year-old Liberty Elm trees from "Litter Free New Hampshire". They will be planted in front of the Library in the spring of 2006. The Elm that was planted behind the

Selectmen's office in the fall of '04 survived the October flood but was dug out before the Green was used for the reclamation effort. It will also be replanted this spring on town property.

The ACC had a tent at the town festival in July and spoke with over 150 people about improving wildlife habitat, encouraging back yard bird sanctuaries, the importance of clean water in our community and protecting themselves against Lyme disease and Rabies. With the assistance of the Grafton Museum and UNH, displays and activities were provided for those who visited the booth to learn about beavers and other animals that use the Cold River as a wildlife corridor. We also discussed opportunities for improved forest and wildlife management of our Town Forest.

In early October, conservation commissioners monitored conservation easements held by the town by walking the properties and filing the reports to the Society of the Protection of NH Forests and the NH Office of State Planning.

Four commissioners attended the annual meeting/day long work-shop of NH Conservation Commissioners in early November and the re-certification application for Tree City has been submitted to the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Commissioners have responded to questions from residents about permitting regulations, wetlands, and a variety of environmental concerns. We have met with and assisted town officials with visioning for recreational use of Vilas Dam, post flood reclamation efforts at Millot Green, and assisted in preparing a Flood Mitigation Plan for the Cold River.

The Conservation Commission meets at the Municipal Offices at 5 PM on the first Wednesday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,
The Alstead Conservation Commission
Marilou Blaine, Dan Hall, Cindy Hendrick, David Moody, Scott Taylor, Sarah Webb and
Joy Nalevanko, Chair

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee
Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster and Walpole

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) consists of citizen representatives appointed by select boards from Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole. The CRLAC supports municipal boards and is developing a Watershed Management Plan that will assist towns in managing water resources. The LAC reviews river corridor projects needing state and federal permits and assists on issues of local or statewide significance.

CRLAC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2005:

1. Municipal Conservation, Planning & Health Assistance

- Secured an additional year of watershed assistance from National Parks' Rivers and Trails Program.
- Advised our Lake Associations (Warren and Crescent) on wetland and water quality issues.
- Assisted Alstead with subdivision and stormwater permitting, as well as the development of their master plan survey and evaluation of possible well contamination issues.
- Provided Acworth with guidance on fuel storage tank design and possible impacts to water resources.
- Co-coordinated brainstorming sessions regarding the management and future of the Vilas Pool area.
- Worked with other river committees to maintain existing protections of NH's protected rivers program.

2. Workshops, Events & Education

- Held the well-attended *Workshop on Protecting Water Quality in the Cold River Watershed* at Vilas School, an event that provided overviews of watershed features, threats, uses and management approaches.
- Organized a hike along Alstead's Camp Brook in February, hosted by David Moody.
- Mentored and assisted Antioch student Dee Caldwell with her hydrology study on Camp Brook.

3. Water Quality & Quantity Monitoring

- Revised our comprehensive surface water characterization program (our 4th year) to more closely adhere to NH's Consolidated Assessment Listing Methodology (CALM).
- Initiated an in-stream pilot study of volunteer flow monitoring at Drewsville Gorge with the State.
- Developed field equipment improvements.
- Completed 3 "routine" water quality and stream stage monitoring events on the Cold River and its major tributaries as part of NH's Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP).

- Solicited and received DES funding for additional bacteria, nutrient and metal analyses.
- 4. Drinking Water Protection Plan**
- With the professional assistance of Granite State Rural Water Association, we initiated and led a comprehensive evaluation of drinking water protection for public drinking water systems at all schools within the watershed.
 - Published a Drinking Water Protection Plan with detailed recommendations for further actions.
- 5. Post-Flood Response Efforts**
- Procured additional water sampling funding and assistance from NH DES, and completed several post-flood monitoring events on the Cold River and Warren Brook.
 - Supported efforts to fund floodplain-floodway mapping, erosion/stream bank restoration and Millot Green revitalization projects through the U.S. Geological Survey, NH DES and National Park Service.
 - Provided practical recommendations to municipal boards on environmental issues.
 - Communicated local landowner information requests to NH DES' Watershed Bureau.
 - Assisted private well owners with bacteria/nitrogen contamination and well disinfection concerns.
 - Summarized local flood precipitation data for Alstead.

The flooding that occurred in October 2005 brought a level of devastation to people's lives and property as well as to Warren Brook and the Cold River that is impossible to adequately describe. We send our grateful admiration to all those who have worked so tirelessly and courageously to find solutions.

The Advisory Committee welcomes your participation on any of our projects. We meet on the third Thursday of each month, 7- 9PM, usually in the Alstead Town Offices. To be on our email notices for workshops or water quality monitoring events, please call any LAC member. A high school student will help us update our website. Stay tuned! www.coldriver.org

Thanks to our volunteers and particularly to Ted Walsh of NH DES, Lelia Mellen of NPS and Jen Palmiotto of GSRWA for many hours of assistance.

Acworth: Debby Hinman (Chair) and Laura Malinoski-Adams
Alstead: Howard Weeks, Mike Heidorn and Sam Sutcliffe (Treas)
Langdon: Jen Polcari (Vice Chair) and Cathy MacDonald
Lempster: Vacant
Walpole: Pam O'Hara, Austin Hunter and Charles Montgomery

2005 Annual Report Alstead Flood Relief Volunteers

Following the flood on October 9, there was a swift and generous response of help and support—both from people in our Alstead and in the larger community around us. Clothing, appliances, household goods, and money began to arrive.

The Selectmen appointed a committee, The Alstead Flood Relief Volunteers, to help handle these donations. Our group is made up of those who volunteered to help after the 10/18/05 public meeting.

All the members of our volunteer committee are Alstead residents. Although we mostly did not know each other before volunteering, among us, we do know almost everyone who was impacted. So we know the donations are going to real people with real needs.

An overwhelming amount of clothing was donated. Pam Allen has done an incredible job of handling the massive donations of household goods and appliances. She has received, sorted and passed on to Flood Families literal tons of household goods. All of the money donated to the Alstead Flood Relief fund is received and distributed by the Alstead Flood Relief Volunteers committee on behalf of the Selectmen. The Selectmen and the Town Treasurer also oversee our distribution of funds.

All of the money received goes directly to those who suffered losses due to the flood. It does NOT go to pay for damage to public roads or buildings. None of it has or will go into the Town's General Fund. No money goes to any other purpose—not even paper or postage for our group. And we are doing the best that we possibly can to make sure that the distribution of funds is fair and equitable. In 2005 we received \$240,559.68. This amount has been distributed in full. Donations have continued to arrive in 2006.

Donations can be made to the Alstead Flood Relief fund
Selectmen's Office
Town of Alstead
PO Box 60
Alstead, NH 03602

Progress is happening, but there is still so much to do to help many of our families who are still in temporary housing, still need to replace much that they lost in the flooding, and are trying to rebuild their lives. The generosity and good wishes from our residents and from so many in our larger community have meant so much to our committee and to the Flood Families! It is SO encouraging to know how many people care and want to help!

Members are: Mary Ann Melquist
Pam Allen
Fran Thibault
Martha Cooper

Respectively submitted,

Martha Cooper, for the Volunteers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/03	Keene	Mitchell, Gage Leander	Mitchell, Leander	Mitchell, Vonda
01/15	Keene	Vogel, Maxwell Robert	Vogel, Stephen	Vogel, Gina
02/04	Keene	Gosnell, Jacob Russell	Gosnell, Jonah	Gosnell, Michelle
02/06	Keene	Kellogg, Nathaniel David	Kellogg, Scott	Kellogg, Cherie
02/06	Keene	Evans, Josephine Doris	Evans, Jonathan	Evans, Stacy
02/08	Keene	King, Parker Kabrahn	King, Kyle	King, Heather
02/18	Keene	Watling, Evan Alan	Watling, Erik	Watling, Lisa
03/01	Alstead	Macdougall Jones, Elliot Birch	Jones, Daniel	Macdougall, Sadie
03/08	Keene	Vose, Tyler Stewart	Vose, Raymond	Greenspan, Laura
03/20	Keene	Carrier, Kyran Antonio	Carrier, Timothy	Carrier, Kim
04/10	Keene	Petrovich, Luke Whitney	Petrovich, Brian	Petrovich, Jennifer
04/26	Lebanon	Grace, Nicholas Ronald		Grace, Crystal
05/05	Keene	Martin, Lacey Renae	Martin, Paul	Martin, Crystal
05/19	Keene	Blake, Conner James		Blake, Brandy
06/21	Claremont	Sargent, Mary Anne	Sargent, Jonathan	Kiraly, Lilla
06/21	Keene	Thomas, Samuel James	Thomas, Brett	Thomas, Katherine
07/11	Keene	Livengood, Ella Rose	Livengood, Lindsey	Livengood, Joy
08/02	Lebanon	Carter, Mason Ryan	Carter, Christopher	Ingalls, Natasha
08/03	Keene	Blodgett, Rylee Alan	Blodgett, Jeffrey	Guyette, Amanda
08/05	Keene	Doris, Jack Avery	Doris, Nathan	Crump, Lisa
08/07	Keene	Vincent, Alexander Roan	Vincent, Daniel	Vincent, Christine
09/22	Keene	Stone, Brody William	Stone, Mark	Stone, Sarah
11/26	Keene	Frazier, Aiden James Michael	Frazier, Michael	Frazier, Lauren
12/20	Keene	Lessard, Bethany Murphy	Lessard, Charles	Lessard, Melissa

2005 MARRIAGES

<u>Groom</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date</u>
Keegan, Patrick J.	Alstead	Wood, Shannon E.	Alstead	Walpole	01/29
Prait, Robert H..	Alstead	Moulton, Lisa E.	Alstead	Keene	04/06
Zabel, Raymond M.	Alstead	Ruest, Traci L.	Alstead	Rindge	05/07
Carito, Roland	Alstead	McNally, Charlotte J.	Alstead	Walpole	05/22
Lorette, John D.	Surry	Haskins, Kristal G.	Alstead	Alstead	06/17
Lindemann, Robert E.	Alstead	Turtisi, Karen	Alstead	Alstead	06/18
Lyman, John M.	Alstead	Holt, Amanda L.	Alstead	Acworth	06/25
Lavoie, Ryan M.	Alstead	Bissell, Amy M.	Alstead	Stoddard	07/23
Fischer, Daniel C.	Alstead	Kimball, Jessica R.	Alstead	Charlestown	08/13
White, Timolhy A.	Charlestown	Sutcliffe, Ann M.	Alstead	Cornish	08/20
Canfield, Thomas L.	Alstead	Canfield, Lori A.	Alstead	Alstead	08/27
Moore, Jesse L.	Alstead	Thiel, Kimberly P.	Bellows Falls VT	N. Walpole	09/09
Wells, Edwin J.	Cambridgeport VT	Stanley, Melanie L.	Alstead	Walpole	10/08

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Holley, Roy	Alstead	01/13
Vachss, Bernard	Keene	02/03
Knight, Olney	Alstead	03/23
Golec, Edna	Alstead	03/28
King, Elizabeth	Keene	03/31
Adams, Cornelia	Lebanon	04/03
Bley, Edgar	Alstead	04/10
Rosa, Robert	Alstead	04/28
Maronde, Dolores	Keene	05/15
Ellis, Grace	Keene	06/15
Bengtson, John	Westmoreland	06/30
Phipps, William	Alstead	07/18
Seale, William	Langdon	10/09
Canfield, Timothy	Walpole	10/09
Canfield, Sally	Walpole	10/09
Raineault, Gilberte	Keene	10/14
Conley, Robert	Alstead	11/03
Haskins, James	Alstead	11/14
Crosby, Pauline	Keene	12/04
Allison, Benjamin	Keene	12/18

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